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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the patent application of

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For: CANNING STRUCTURE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

Enclosed are:

- Three (3) sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1(A)-4.
- An Assignment of the invention to NGK INSULATORS, LTD.
- Certified copy of Japanese application No. 11-207265 filed July 22, 2000.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- An Information Disclosure Statement.
- The Verified English-Language Translation, executed Declaration and Assignment and full filing fees will follow in due course.

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